

# Committing To Community

*"Pleasing God", Part 5 of 6  
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*"And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased." (Hebrews 13:16, NIV)*

*"How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity!" (Psalm 133:1, NIV)*

## **Why Committing To Community Pleases God (And Us)**

### **I) BECAUSE IT HELPS US \_REFLECT THE TRI-UNITY OF GOD\_.**

*"Then God said, 'Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.'"  
(Genesis 1:26, NIV)*

*"But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you."  
(John 14:26, NIV)*

### **II) BECAUSE WE WERE ALL \_CREATED FOR COMMUNITY\_.**

*"The LORD God said, 'It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.'"  
(Genesis 2:18, NIV)*

*"There was a man all alone; he had neither son nor brother. There was no end to his toil, yet his eyes were not content with his wealth. 'For whom am I toiling,' he asked, 'and why am I depriving myself of enjoyment?' This too is meaningless—a miserable business!"  
(Ecclesiastes 4:8, NIV)*

### **III) BECAUSE WE ALL NEED \_GOOD FRIENDS IN OUR LIVES\_.**

*"Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken."  
(Ecclesiastes 4:12, NIV)*

*"Do your best to come to me quickly, for Demas, because he loved this world, has deserted me and has gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, and Titus to Dalmatia. Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, because he is helpful to me in my ministry."  
(2 Timothy 4:9-11, NIV)*

### **IV) BECAUSE IT'S HOW \_DEDICATED CHRISTIANS GROW\_.**

*"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts."  
(Acts 2:42-46, NIV)*

### **V) BECAUSE FEW THINGS \_BRING JOY LIKE COMMUNITY\_.**

*"How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity!... For there the LORD bestows his blessing, even life forevermore."  
(Psalm 133:1 & 3b, NIV)*

*"Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching."  
(Hebrews 10:25, NIV)*